



Wildflower Hotspot #1

WHERE:

Volcanic Tablelands and Fish Slough ACEC
(Area of Critical Environmental Concern),
BLM Bishop Field Office

WILDFLOWERS TO SEE:

Venus blazing star (*Mentzelia nitens*) –
**Silky, bright yellow flower sometimes
with orange spot at petal base. (*)**

Jones' blazing star (*Mentzelia jonesii*) –
**Larger, silky, bright yellow flower also
sometimes with orange spot at petal
base. (*)**

Rose four-o'clock (*Mirabilis multiflora*) –
**Bell-shaped violet -blue flower with
fleshy stems. Blooms in the cooler
morning hours. (*)**

Purple mat (*Nama aretiodesii*) - **Pink low-
growing flowers with small, linear, fleshy
leaves. (*)**

Site Legend:

* **Rocky/drier upland site**
~ **Wet spring/meadow site**

WHEN TO GO: April - May

HOW TO GET THERE: From U.S. Hwy.
395 north of Bishop, take Hwy. 6 and head
north. Take the Five Bridges Road exit and
drive just past the gravel processing plant.
Various dirt roads emanate from the Kiosk at
this intersection. The Fish Slough ACEC is
to the right (north). You can stop anywhere
you find an appropriate pull-out.

MORE WILDFLOWERS TO SEE:

Apricot globe mallow (*Sphaeralcea
ambigua*) - **Apricot or salmon colored
flowers on stalks with lobed leaves that
are finely covered with star-shaped hairs.
(*)**

Indigo bush (*Psoralea argophylla*
var. *minutifolia*) – **Shrub with purple pea-
like flowers in clusters at the end of
branching, white stems. (*)**

Paintbrush (*Castilleja minor* ssp. *minor*) –
**Slender red flower growing in moist
alkaline meadows. (~)**

Spring-loving centaury (*Centaurea
exaltatum*) – **Bright pink star-like flowers
growing along the margins of alkali
meadows. (~)**

Spiny hopsage (*Grayia spinosa*) – **Shrub
with oval red seed clusters resembling
hops. (*)**

Mojave lupine (*Lupinus odoratus*) – **Dwarf,
bright blue-flowered lupine. (*)**

Yerba mansa (*Anemopsis californica*) -
**Plant with white petal-like bracts
surrounding a conically shaped center.
Leaves are spicy smelling and are
sometimes used to make a medicinal
poultice. (~)**

Please do not pick the flowers! Leave them
for others to enjoy.

In cooperation with the Eastern
Sierra Interpretive Association and
the California Native Plant Society
(Bristlecone Chapter).



For more information on where to see
wildflowers and what's blooming, contact the BLM
Bishop Field Office botanist at (760) 872-5022.